Electronic Mail message- how go abut asking for it.

~~Circulate~~ around tmc - draft - what think?

existing CM users ⬅

K - but for free - similar to cmt & RS + seker
↑
① list of who
has this -
contact electronically

② who else interested? - Waltz
                          Reardon
                          Brewster - MRS
                                Baylor → ottawa
                                NCSA (Illinois) - Larry Smar
                                        (has address)
                          - barbara Milhalis (sp?)

(Source for frontend only)
(distributed in binary) ⟩   Changes/updates through net - release on
                                                                tape
        Vax ⟵ and/or SUN tapes for distribution - let's
                        do SUN only, then add UAX
                            if need to.

Return-Path: <jonathan@quake.think.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 92 11:40:38 PDT
From: Jonny Goldman <jonathan@Think.COM>
Sender: jonathan@quake.think.com
To: wais-crew@Think.COM
Subject: release of b5

I'd like to freeze b5 as soon as possible for release testing. Any
objections?

Are there things we need to do to b5 before freezing it? Features
requested that need to be added perhaps?

I know Seeker-ram requires b5, so I'd really like to have b5 out in the field
before we put out Seeker-ram.

- Jonny G

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Return-Path: <brewster@quake.think.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Feb 92 14:43:03 PST
From: Brewster Kahle <brewster@Think.COM>
Sender: brewster@quake.think.com
To: ottavia@Think.COM, browne@Think.COM
Cc: waltz@Think.COM, wais-crew@Think.COM
Subject: releasing seeker-ram to the first outside users
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Tim and Ottavia,

Tracy has finished a CM2-based RAM WAIS system that is similar to CMDRS.
I suggest we figure how we can get some milage on from it.

System characteristics:
  Can run under timesharing (big selling point)
  Written in new C*
  Not as tried and true as CMDRS.

The target users are:
  Existing CM sites
  Any potential WAIS sales that are not information providers

What kind of splash do we want to make (any)?

What sites should it go to? I suggest that Barbara be in charge of the
distribution of the software (finding places it should go, follow up on how
it is being used, etc).

Comments?

-brewster

- w/ price, but won't sell it
- decide to who?
- announcement letter/email

- Go over list of contacts

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Return-Path: <brewster>
Date: Thu, 5 Mar 92 13:03:03 PST
From: Brewster Kahle <brewster@Think.COM>
Sender: brewster
To: ottavia@Think.COM
Cc: barbara
In-Reply-To: Ottavia Bassetti's message of Thu, 5 Mar 92 15:41:22 EST
<9203052041.AA18126@godot.think.com>
Subject: CMDRS-RAM
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> From: Ottavia Bassetti <ottavia@Think.COM>
> Date: Thu, 5 Mar 92 15:41:22 EST
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> I met Susan Fairchild in the smoking room.
> She is still and more and more taking care of software contracts.
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> You should make sure Barbara coordinates with her.
> She is probably the only person that can figure out who has the software
> and who were the people that originally had to do the follow ups for each
> of the sites.
>
> Ottavia

ok. that sounds good.

Barbara- we sent out cmdrs to a bunch of sites, as part of the Seeker-ram
think, we should find where we sent it to, and find out what they did with
it, and if we should maybe give them thenewer stuff.

-brewster

"She sits in the shade of the greenhouse tree
Emits an aroma of undefined love
It drips on down like a mist from above"

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Return-Path: <brewster>
Date: Thu, 5 Mar 92 13:23:39 PST
From: Brewster Kahle <brewster@Think.COM>
Sender: brewster
To: barbara, shen@think.com, browne@think.com, jonathan
Cc: ottavia, waltz@think.com, fairchild@think.com
Subject: strategy for releasing Seeker-RAM
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Tracy Shen and Jonny Goldman have written a nifty application for the CM2 that could be of interest to several of our exisiting CM customers.

This code will probably be useful for about 6 months to a year for hard core use, and then, hopefully, will be superseeded by other CM5 work.

Here, I have painted one view of the future (definitely from my point of view) with proposed names and responsibilities. Please comment or scream or whatever. Barbara and I will be going over this on Monday in CA.

* I expect 3-5 sites will actually use this new package at the level of publicity that I expect we will put in it.

* Barbara Lincoln would be the product champion and try to find people that would be interested in getting the software, working out the agreements, following up customer reactions etc.

* Barbara would work with Susan Fairchild on all transactions with CM sites.

* Barbara would work with Tracy Shen and Jonny Goldman as bugs and suggestions come up. We hope to accumlate a large enough sampling of requests before we make any changes so that we leverage our effort as best we can.

* Brewster will work with Tim Browne to do any literature we might want to do

* I suggest we offer binaries on easy research terms to existing customers. (can we make due with sun only?)

* Source of the front end code is always available. this allows people to modify the code and extend it. The souce code for the backend (the CM part), I suggest, is not really available. Maybe we should charge a bunch for it or something.

The idea is to be an example application product form TMC (something we have not done before).

Return-Path: <brewster>
Date: Thu, 5 Mar 92 13:27:41 PST
From: Brewster Kahle <brewster@Think.COM>
Sender: brewster
To: barbara
Cc: shen@think.com, jonathan
Subject: seeker-ram

Barbara,

I was thinking about the seeker-ram thing. If you have time, why dont you
start to do some of the background work on finding what sites might be
interested.

Contacting Susan would be helpful, and sending a note to wais@think.com
with a solicitation for customers that might find this sort of application
useful.

This is likely to stir up a bit of conversation, but hopefully not a
firestorm.

Tracy said that it can get bundled next week. I would like to do that with
some of jonny's help.

-brewster

"We need the means to dig deeper
To search below the surface appearance of things
  World's never dreamed of!"

Return-Path: <barbara>
Date: Wed, 01 Apr 92 14:02:02
From: barbara (Barbara Lincoln)
To: waltz@think.com, craig@think.com
Subject: Seeker-RAM Release
Cc: ir@think.com, brewster, wais-crew, scf@think.com

Here's the first pass draft of the Seeker-RAM announcement....

We would like your inputs as to who might be interested in getting this
release. Our first shot will probably be to those who received CMDRS.

Do you have any suggestions as to distribution, support, etc...?

We look forward to hearing from you....Let's hear it!

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Introducing the release of the CM2-based RAM WAIS Software application
                        >>>>> Seeker-RAM! <<<<<

Seeker-RAM has many terrific features:

        * runs under timesharing
        * runs on all models of CM2, CM2a, and CM200
        * a WAIS Server
        * compatible with Mac, Unix, NeXT, and freeware interfaces
        * database up to three times the RAM size of the machine
        * supports English language queries and relevance feedback
        * written in new C*

This package has source for the front-end code for user configuration.
Source for the CM code is available in binary through special
consideration.

For more information, or details on receiving this software, contact
Barbara Lincoln: barbara@think.com, 415-329-9300 X236, or 1010 El
Camino, Suite 310, Menlo Park, CA, 94025.

Return-Path: <brewster>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 92 15:57:55 PST
From: Brewster Kahle <brewster@Think.COM>
Sender: brewster
To: barbara, barbara, shen@think.com
Cc: browne@think.com
Subject: seeker-ram

How are we doing on getting it out the door?

The email note is still held up, but lets see if we can clear the rest of
the stuff out.

Barbara,
I suggest you write to Dave Waltz and Craig and cc to ir about who might be
interested in getting the release.

Jonny, is it packaged reasonably?

-brewster

"Whatever relaxes you is dangerous."

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Return-Path: <jonathan>
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 92 17:12:56 PDT
From: Jonny Goldman <jonathan@Think.COM>
Sender: jonathan
To: barbara
Cc: brewster
In-Reply-To: Barbara Lincoln's message of Tue, 14 Apr 92 16:10:34
<9204142307.AA00782@quake.think.com>
Subject: Seeker RAM release
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    Date: Tue, 14 Apr 92 16:10:34
    From: barbara (Barbara Lincoln)

    He asked that I ask you to "package the release"...he said that
    basically meant getting it into one file, and then making Sun cartridge
    tapes for ditribution.

    I would like to announce tomorrow, but will wait to hear from you to
    make sure that's ok from your end of things....

Ok. But I haven't tested it in a while...

I'll let you know when it's ready.

And one last thing: remember those tapes, well...

- Jonny G

Return-Path: <brewster>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 92 09:32:00 PDT
From: Brewster Kahle <brewster@Think.COM>
Sender: brewster
To: jonathan@Think.COM
Cc: barbara@quake.think.com, shen@Think.COM
In-Reply-To: Jonny Goldman's message of Tue, 14 Apr 92 18:12:41 PDT
<9204150112.AA05918@philo.quake.think.com.>
Subject: releasing seeker

    Date: Tue, 14 Apr 92 18:12:41 PDT
    From: Jonny Goldman <jonathan@Think.COM>

    Barbara,

    I tried to build the software, and it's by no means ready for prime time.

    Tracy,

    The seeker directory has lots of test stuff. Please identify what's for
    the release and what's not. If you can, create a directory called
    seeker-release with the files necessary for release, and a Makefile the can
    build them (you'll see a directory call /proj/wais/test/seeker, feel free
    to us it as your seeker-release).

    If you could go over the instructions on how to run it too...

    Brewster,

    I strongly recommend testing the software a little while before we announce
    it.

    - Jonny G

lets test it. I thought we were in that phase for the last month or so. I
dont understand why we are making changes other than fixes.

-brewster

"How I wish we could take this moment
   & freeze it
To come back again & again & again
To hold it to the light
   turn it in our hands
To study all the angles
To find out How
   and Why
      it's gotta go the way that it goes

We have the technology
   not available before"